

A Typical Day at the Thornybush Lodges

Thornybush

01

Your day starts as dawn breaks over the African bushveld. After your early morning wake-up call by one of our guides, coffee, tea & rusks are served in the main lodge overlooking the riverbed.

Shortly after, you will depart in your open game vehicle with your experienced Guides and Trackers who will share their extensive knowledge of the bush with you. This is your opportunity to let them know your interests so they can share them with you.

These drives are undertaken at times best suited for game viewing which vary depending on the season. They typically start in the early morning as the sun rises. Where applicable you may be invited out of the vehicle to see tracks, examine certain plants and follow the spoor of our native wildlife.



02

After an exhilarating hunt for tracks to see what the animals have been up to during the night, and tracking down whatever you find, you will stop somewhere out in the bush for a coffee and tea break.

It's time to stretch your legs, indulge in our ranger's coffee and delicious snacks. In winter, we do advise you to bring a warm jacket and beanie, but we will also provide our guests with hot water bottles and warm blankets on the vehicle to keep you snug while you scout for game.



03

Arriving back at camp, it's time for a sumptuous breakfast. This is your time to unwind, reflect on the morning's sightings and if you're feeling up to it, you can walk off your breakfast with a bush walk with one of our guides.

Bush Walks are pre-arranged and are on offer to suit your interests and fitness levels. Walks allow guests a better chance to see some of the smaller creatures of the bush as well as an opportunity to learn more about the flora and fauna of the region and to have a chance to follow tracks in more detail. Our Shangaan trackers will enthral you with their explanations of the medicinal and other uses of the numerous plants and trees along with tales of traditional folklore. During your walk, our guide and tracker are armed so you will be in safe hands as you explore the Big Five wilderness on foot.





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The rest of the day is spent at your discretion for other activities that we offer, with a delicious lunch being served around 1.30 pm, feel free to laze by the pool or enquire about one of our wellness experiences to fully ease you into relaxation.



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The afternoon game drive is preceded by high tea and extends into the evening to view seldom seen nocturnal species by torchlight.

Once again, you will break somewhere out in the bush, in a remote, scenic spot to watch the iconic Africa sunset, where Sundowners and snacks will be offered to guests whilst you once again stretch your legs and absorb the evening sounds of the African bush.



06

As you return to camp after an exhilarating day, you'll be ushered to your dinner table and presented with a gourmet 3-course dinner. This will either take place in the boma, bush or lodge - guests can socialise with a cognac, single malt or cigar around the campfire or lounge before retiring to bed in lieu of another day's adventure at Thornybush.

Where possible, we try our best to ensure your safari experience at Thornybush is tailored to suit your individual preferences and interests. Please always let your lodge manager and guides know if you have any, and they too will do their best to provide it.

Service Times

MEALS

Breakfast or brunch
08h30-09h00 to 10h30

Lunch
13h30

Dinner Winter
19h30-20h00

Dinner Summer
20h00-20h30

ACTIVITIES

Morning times that the game drives depart

Summer 05h00
Wakeup call/ Morning tea 05h30
Depart 05H45

Winter 05H30
Wakeup call/ Morning tea 06h00
Depart 06h15

Times that the walks depart after breakfast

Afternoon/Evening times that the game drives depart

Summer 16h00 Afternoon Tea
- Depart 16h15

Winter 15h30 Afternoon Tea
- Depart 15h45